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IN THE NEWS

Celebrate Canada

Niagara College is celebrating things Canadian in a unique three-day festival starting March 17. A performance by the St. Catharines Symphony orchestra, a CBC taping of a comedy show and probably a film festival will be included. Canadain studies specialist, John Muggeridge, is the chief organizer and he is hoping the students will be as enthusiastic as he is. [See pg. 9]

ROVING REPORTERS FIND

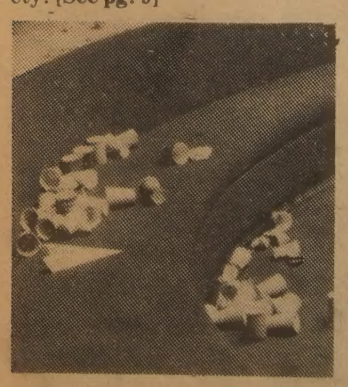
Most against fee rise

A survey of about 40 Niagara College students show most are not in favor of the $75 tuition hike next fall as they feel it is not justified.

The majority of students surveyed said the increase would put a college education out of the reach for a lot of students who won't be able to afford to pay the extra money. **See roving Reporter Page 3.**

Stressful situations

It's a busy, hustle-bustle world we live in today. The strains of everyday life can prove harmful both physically and psychologically. The term for this malady-causing tension is stress. Two doctors talk about stress and its prominence in our modern society. [See pg. 9]



Clean-up not working

A campaign to keep Niagara College clean, following a $56,000 budget cut last year, is obviously not working as custodians have to battle debris in lounges and corridors.

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Another $30,000 SAC surplus

A surplus in Student Administrative Council (SAC) accounts at the end of the year is not progress but "holding back," Adam Mascai, SAC president, said.

"I consider an accomplishment is meeting the needs of the students, not holding back but giving them what they pay for," Adam said.

Last year SAC left office with a surplus of about $30,000. Some of the money was designated for athletics use and $20,000 was set in trust for a student union building.

It was the first time in college history SAC left office with a surplus of funds.

This year Adam predicts a surplus of about $30,000. There is about $40,000 in SAC's accounts and council will probably spend only about $10,000 in the next two months, he said.

Having a surplus at the end of the year is a result of not supplying services and activities to the students that they may have had in the past, he said.

"The only progress we've made in supplying services is in the quality, not quantity," he said. "There were more things available to students in the past."

Adam said he considered the handling of SACs bookkeeping by the college administration as a restriction on the council. This is the second year the college has kept SAC's books.

"There are so many cutbacks and qualifications by the administration," he said. "I'd like to see the executive council progress to the point that they can handle the funds."

He said Debbie Cole, vice-president of finance, is as capable of keeping the books as the administration. However, there is always the danger that a future council will take office that is not responsible enough to handle the funds, he said.

"We don't have the authority to go ahead and do what we want. We have to do what the students want, but if they don't come to us for anything there's nothing we can do." he said.

Adam said the council is an administrative body and not a body of lawgivers. Student input is necessary for SAC to act, he said.

When councils administered their own funds it was possible to plan an activity without waiting for student input, he said. Pet projects of the executive council could become college activities.

On Feb. 10

Classes normal as protest flops

By RIC DOLPHIN

Classes were held as normal on Feb. 10 at Niagara College—no moratorium, no protest. Plans to demonstrate student dissatisfaction with the tuition increase of $75 had fallen flat.

A committee appointed to get community feedback and to launch an all-out publicity campaign on the alleged injustices of the tuition increase decided early last week against holding any protest demonstrations. The reason was lack of student support for a protest.

"It's quite apparent no one has basic concern on the issues," Vic Mutart, Student Administrative Council (SAC) theatre division representative, said on the official, Ontario-wide protest day. Vic had headed the college committee. SAC president Adam Macsai was not available for comment Feb. 10.

Vic said it was true that weather conditions had hampered operations considerably, but added, "The students of this college must have better faith in Davis than I have."

There are no definite plans for the near future other than a possible panel discussion on cable TV.

Meanwhile on Feb. 10, other post-secondary institutions took part in the day of protest.

Laurentian University, Sudbury, had 90 per cent of its students walk out and buses refused to cross picket lines set up by students.

Like Niagara, Brock University, St. Catharines, had no moratorium. A meeting was held the same day to determine student reaction to tuition increases.

Pete Siegel, executive assistant to the president of the Student Union, said Brock students had decided "about 10 to 1" to oppose the increase. A plan of action had not yet been decided on.

Vic Mutart said letters of protest are being sent by concerned students at Niagara to their MPPs.

He said he feels "things will come to a head when provincial elections are held in April." No date has been set for an election.

Judging by surveys taken by the nine-person committee, Vic estimated that 65 per cent of the community supported the protest, but only 30 per cent of the students at the college.

"It seems the majority of people are not ready to help themselves...The community was behind us—more so than the students."

A committee member, Cheryl Haun, first year general college, expressed disappointment at the lack of student involvement. "I feel like a jerk," she said.

Cheryl took a survey in Fort Erie and also among Niagara students. She said almost all of the people in Fort Erie she talked to supported the protest—"I was surprised." But she estimated that only half of the students she talked to opposed the increase. She said "a great many" felt students shouldn't have the right to walk out.

Manera fears nurse shortage

A shortage of nurses will arise in the future if students are refused admittance now, A. S. Manera told the board of governors on Feb . 3.

Mr. Manera said the planned cut of 15 per cent of students entering college nursing programs is an over reaction. He told the board that Niagara's nursing students haven't had too much trouble in being placed, but some have had to go to the U.S. to find jobs.

The placement rate is about 88 per cent for nursing students, he reported.

Gets in his licks

Rob Hattin, second year technology student, really gets into the pie in the Winter Carnival Pie-Eating contest. Although he started fast and ate with gusto, he couldn't make it to the end. There were nine contestants in all.

Photo by Bunyan

NIAGARA NOTES

Borrow Convocation gowns

Niagara College students will graduate in borrowed gowns at Convocation this year.

Hoods are a different matter, however, and the college is still considering whether or not to provide graduates with hoods as well.

In a report of the board of governors academic affairs committee meeting Jan. 13, A. S. Manera, college president, said efforts have been made to cut Convocation costs to a minimum and an arrangement had been made with Brock University to borrow their graduation gowns.

Awarded $250 bursary

John Ford, a graduating Hotel and Restaurant student in Niagara Falls, has been awarded the Canadian Restaurant Association Foundation Bursary Award of $250 and commemorative scroll for outstanding leadership abilities, attitude and aptitude, and a definite commitment to the industry.

Mr. Ford was selected from more than a dozen candidates by faculty and dean. The association then required a photograph, biographical outline and an essay of 2,000 words on a particular aspect of the hotel and restaurant business.

Mr. Ford's essay concerned food and beverage control.

EDITORIALS

Education...investment

Is education a God-given right? Should students have to pay for their post-secondary education?

If students aren't going to pay, who is? The elderly, and low income families, people with no children of their own? Why put the total burden of education on their shoulders?

With the tuition now being paid, students here are paying less than 10 per cent of total college costs. The Journalism program, for example, costs approximately $2,500 per student. Even with increases in tuition, the percentage is still small.

If tuition is free, why not take your time and spread a two-year course over three or four years? It doesn't cost you anything, you might as well stick around for the free ride.

One student, often heard complaining about tuition increases, boasts he spent $600 of his student grant on a new stereo. That $600 could have paid his tuition for all four terms of his two-year program.

With free tuition, deserving and capable students who cannot afford college costs would be able to attend college when, otherwise, they would not. But for every deserving student, there may be five or six ready to take advantage of the situation—the "professional student" who attends college just for the sake of going to college. Just an extra burden for taxpayers.

With no tuition, student grants and loans would be cut down. It can work both ways. You can't have free tuition and large loans and grants at the same time. The money has to come from somewhere.

Attending college is by personal choice. Think of it as an investment into the future. With the benefit of a college education, chances are you will get a better job when you finish than if you had gone to work straight out of high school.

Marnie Clement

Help the Knight!

The irresponsibility and immaturity of students are unbelievable. If you don't agree just look at lounges and rooms in various buildings.

With paper cups, spillage occurs, seldom cleaned up; with cigarettes, ashes are dropped—sometimes cigarettes which are left burning; with food comes wrapping which is clenched in a fist and thrown at garbage cans; seldom does the shooter make a basket...the list goes on and on.

The campaign of the Niagara Knight seems to be in vain. Posters hang throughout the various buildings.Do students read them or is it that they just don't care? Probably the latter.

It seems foolish to destroy property that the taxpayer must replace. Remember you will eventually—if not already—have to pay for the juvenile acts of students.

Be a leader. Pick up those cups. Use ashtrays to butt your cigarettes.

P.S. Pass the word around. It is important to help the Niagara Knight.

Sheldon Curran

"We shouldn't be puttin' in this much."

BULLPIT:

Mr. Apathy strikes again!

By RIC DOLPHIN

Well, THEY blew it.

They started so full of enthusiasm: "We will show them what we think of Davis' government and its tuition increase!" "We'll get the community on our side." "We'll join our voices with those of the rest of the province." "We'll walk out on Feb. 10."

But it was all idle talk: no strike, no protest—they'd blown it.

It sounded so attractive at the start. It was just like the rallies of the '60s.

The idea that colleges and universities minister Harry Parrott was thrusting another $75 on tuition, with the suggestion more increases are to come, and with the insinuation that students are second-class citizens, surely was something to get upset about. In addition, the services available to students, the quality of their education, did not look as if it would improve. In fact, it might even get worse.

ONLY 50 SHOWED

It's true there were only about 50 Niagara students who showed up for the initial meeting to discuss these beefs. And the freak weather conditions that came in the middle of the campaign to inform the community about the tuition injustices did little to aid the progress of the cause.

But aren't these just minor stumbling blocks? We all know who the real villain is...

Apathy 1603. without feeling. 1. Freedom from, or insensibility to, suffering, passion, or feeling; passionless existence. 2. Indolence of mind, indifference to what normally excites emotion or interest.

What normally excites emotion or interest?

SOME INTEREST

An increase in tuition of 25 per cent next year and God-knows-what the year after, coupled with cutbacks in student services and the rising price of gasoline, rent, food, transit and books should, normally, excite some sort of emotion, some sort of interest. Shouldn't it?

But it is most probable that our friend, Mr. Apathy, has injected his lethargy-creating poison deep into the being of the vast majority of students here at good old Niagara.

Unfortunately, it seems, there is not much anyone (except perhaps someone offering free booze) can do about it—not even THEM, those concerned students who, as has already been established, blew it.

But didn't WE all know THEY wouldn't succeed—that's why WE didn't join THEIR cause. Could it be possible that it was because of us, poor victims of the evil Mr. A., that THEY blew it? No, certainly not. We didn't do anything to stand in their way. Moreover, we secretly supported them, and isn't that good enough?

But who really cares anyway?

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Letters to the Editor

President's thanks

The Editor:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all members of the community who assisted students and staff of Niagara College during the two-day period that we were stranded on the Main Campus.

Many organizations and individuals provided inestimable relief by donating and delivering vast quantities of food, and lending blankets and sleeping bags. A special note of thanks must certainly go to the snowmobile drivers who picked up and delivered medical supplies.

The radio station announcers, police officers and all those individuals who volunteered their services in the eventual evacuation of the campus performed in a selfless and courageous manner. Their contribution will long be remembered.

It would be impossible to thank everyone individually but I hope that this brief note will convey to everyone who helped in any way our most sincere and heartfelt thanks.

A.S. Manera,
President

Me, too!

I would just like to add my praise to the staff and students of Niagara College who pitched in and did their part to help in the recent emergency caused by the January 28th snowstorm.

The degree of organization and co-operation by all concerned was most impressive, and you all should be justifiably proud of yourself and your college.

Myron Kukla,
Information Officer

Commends NEWS

Dear Editor:

From reading the *Snow '77 Special* I gather that there were many "heroes", both "sung" and "unsung" that emerged at the college during the emergency conditions caused by the storm at the end of January. They have been justly commended for their calmness, courage, and co-operation under very adverse conditions.

The special issue of the Niagara News that the Journalism faculty and students so expeditiously produced in two days to report the highlights of the storm is also a prodigious effort that deserves commendation. It provides the college community with an excellent record of some of the events that otherwise might have gone unnoticed. It makes me feel that I missed what turned out to be a rather memorable experience in the history of the college which occurred, by the way, during my first winter vacation in my ten years at Niagara.

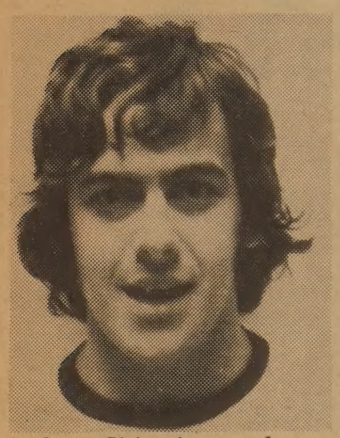
Please convey my congratulations to the Journalism students for their concentrated efforts in producing this special edition of the college paper.

Sincerely,
I. J. Giancarlo, Dean
School of Applied Arts

ROVING REPORTER

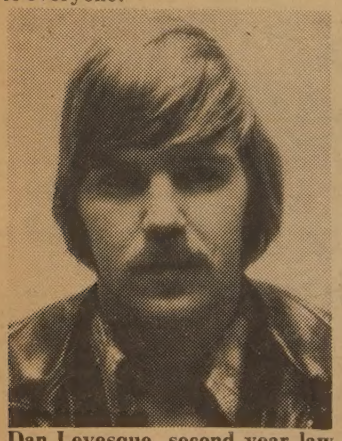
By DENNY BUNYAN
and PHIL WILSON

Question: Do you think tuition increases are justified?

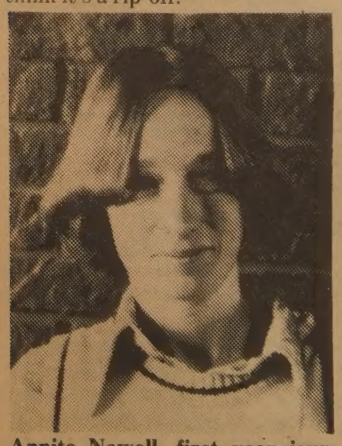


Anthony Sirianni, second year law and security: Yes, I do. When you consider the cost of maintaining a place like Niagara and including the wages for instructors, the increase is quite reasonable.

Nelle Oosterom, second year journalism: No, the increase may put post secondary education out of range for some students which defeats the original purpose of the community college which was to provide an equal opportunity to everyone.

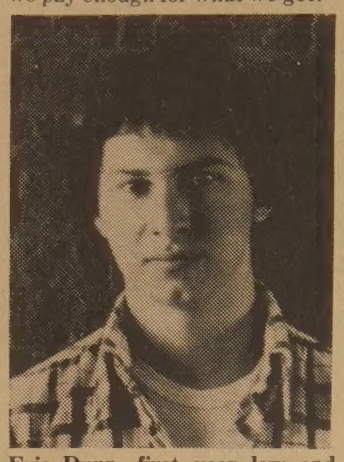


Dan Levesque, second year law and security: No, I don't at all. Tuitions are going up, the loan portion of OSAP is going up and the grants are going down. I think it's a rip-off.

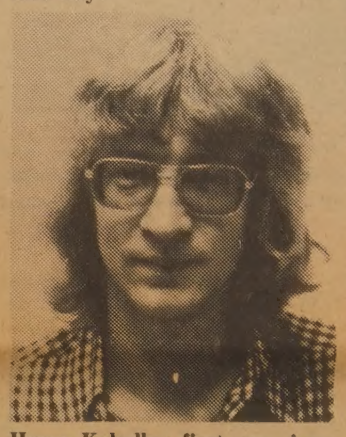


Annita Newell, first year journalism: No, I don't. The only way they can be justified is if industry is taxed to pay part of the cost because educational institutions train people for industry.

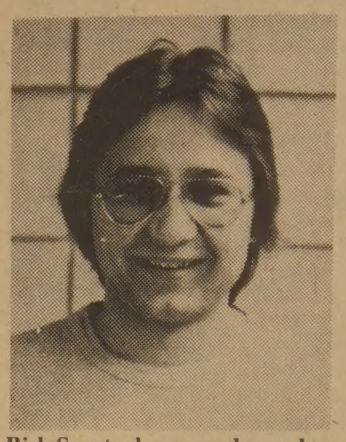
Sharon Kleer, first year journalism: No, I don't think so. I think we pay enough for what we get.



Eric Dunn, first year law and security: No, not really. Most of the college costs are being paid for by taxes and it should stay that way.



Henry Kobylka, first year journalism: I guess the increase in tuition is justifiable.



Rick Sceptenko, second year law and security: No, I don't. Students living away from home have to fork over enough money as it is for food and accommadation without paying more for tuition.

Ingolf Plath, first year mechanical technology: No, it's too much for most students. Students in some countries don't have to pay anything.

Affirmative Action implementation plan

By LYNNE VANTILBORG

BULLETIN

The implementation plan for Affirmative Action was passed unanimously at the Feb. 11 meeting of the Status of Women committees.

A. S. Manera, president, said the management committee will go through the 48 items in the Affirmative Action plan to discuss responsibility for implementation of those items.

Gail Hilyer will remain Women's Adviser to the president and will provide a link from the new Women's Committee to the management committee.

The next task, Ms Hilyer said, is to figure out the structure and membership of the new committee.

It's time for implementation!

The existing staff and student committees on the status of women was to meet on Feb. 10 to discuss implementation of Niagara College's Affirmative Action plan. The plan is designed to provide a catch-up phase for women at the college. The committees will then disband.

A new committee will be formed with membership drawn from existing committees and others.

Members of the present committees will meet for the last time to discuss the seven points include in the implementation plan as prepared by the office of the president.

Also scheduled for discussion and suggestion at this final joint meeting was the design of posters to be placed on notice boards throughout the college.

Subjects to the discussed at this meeting include the following from the implementation plan:

1. The existing committees will be discontinued since its assignment—which began last June and resulted in the final draft of Niagara College's Affirmative Action plan—has been completed.

2. A new status of women com mittee will be formed with membership, as recommended by the Women's Adviser to the president and subject to approval by the president. This committee will serve as a communications link with the total college community.

3. Small ad hoc committees to deal with specific tasks may be established upon recommendation of the Management Committee or Women's adviser.

Persons who have served on the status committees will be asked to be members of these committees.

4. A schedule of implementation responsibilty was to have been prepared to outline plans for Affirmative Action.

5. Each school/branch will establish objectives for the coming year to achieve the implementation of items in the plan related to its area of responsibility.

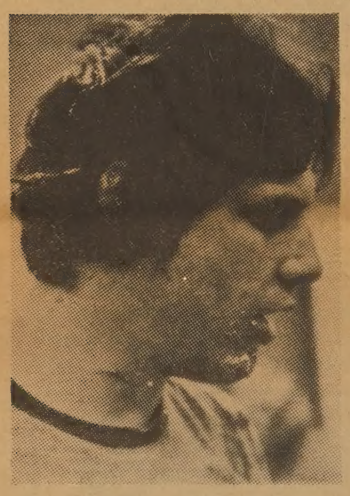
6. The Women's Adviser will attend meetings of the Management committee when clarification or interpretation is required.

7. The college community will continue to be kept informed of implementation activities through existing channels. The Board will be kept informed by the president through his monthly report.

Niagara's Winter Carnival...

All participants in the pie eating contest started out full of enthusiasm. Only three of the original nine contestants ate until the end of the contest, when one finished all of his chocolate cream pie.

Photo by Bunyan



PIE-EATERS

The highlight of the Winter Carnival was the pie eating contest held on Thursday, Feb. 10, in the cafeteria.

Spectators watched as the nine contestants attempted to eat the chocolate cream pies.

Tony Mathews the winner (left) managedto finish his before the other three remaining contestants.

The fellow with the beard (right) had so much pie on his face, identification was impossible!

Photos by Clement

WHAT A MESS

Two students 'eye their pies'. Photo by Bunyan

SNOW: It was no carnival two weeks earlier

This was a rare year for Niagara College—one in which the supply of snow made Niagara's Winter Carnival possible. Lack of snow has not been this year's problem. Here one student recalls that very different weekend at the college—two weeks earlier.

By JENNIFER LAWSON

No more school for the day due to drifting, blowing snow. A storm's a-brewing, the roads are closed, all ye people head for home.

And I tried, Lord knows I tried to get out of this school's halls.

But first I tried to get to Hennepin Hall. Alone I strode against the snow-whipped wind. Walking backwards over the bridge, following two moving objects close ahead, turning 'round to be certain my direction was true to Hennepin Hall, I lost and gained my balance against the wind.

MADE IT!

I made it. Hennepin Hall at last. Others had made the same venture. There we stood slowly thawing and waited for the bus. We forced open the door and pushed into the blowing air. I clung to a pole and looked for it.

"There it is!" someone closer to the drive said; "I think it's stuck." Straining my eyes, but not wishing to leave my supporting pole, I could not see it. Blindly I believed there was a bus out there somewhere. Satisfied, I went back inside.

CROWD GATHERED

Fifteen minutes went by and a larger crowd had gathered.

"The buses have quit running until the wind dies down," announced a knowledgeable-looking gent. "You might as well make yourselves comfortable until it lets up."

So that's what we tried to do.

By late afternoon it was generally accepted that all who were at the school would be staying the night.

This was truly a disaster. Captured in the school's buildings, the sad-eyed stranded, who longed to be home with Mum, took comfort from realists who told of starving millions in Biafra.

Life at the school went on and on and on. You can play only so many games of euchre and watch only so much TV.

For exercise, a tour of the school seemed to be the favorite activity. Some modifications of this sport were standing, running or, for a fortunate few who had found a ball, chasing the ball. The less athletic group preferred sitting or crawling into a hidden corner and playing dead. The latter activity was also known as "trying to sleep." Few succeeded.

All in all, it was an experience.

RESCUE!

Eventually, late Saturday, two friends and I were rescued by four heroes in a venerable machine.

We chugged over the snow with the sound of the snow chains rhythmically clunking on the tires' fender, past discarded cars, towards our long-desired homes.

And the storm raged on!

(Jennifer Lawson is a first year journalism student.)

BAKE SALE

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SALADS CAKE COOKIES SANDWICHES

TUESDAYS AT NOON
IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY

euchre, car rally, pie eating

34 teams compete in Gumball Rally

By DENNY BUNYAN

Spirits were high and engines revving as participants prepared to race their way to fame and glory in the Gumball Rally, a winter carnival event sponsored by the Travel Club.

A total of 34 cars entered the race which was designed to be an afternoon's enjoyable travel rather than a speed and sport affair.

Time did count for points though, and last minute instructions warned "If by chance you are stopped by the police remember, you are NOT in a rally and you know nothing about one."

There was no entrance fee for the rally and the only equipment needed was a car with a full tank of gas, one licensed driver, a navigator and a pen or pencil.

Cars left the campus from parking lot C, at 12 noon and departed one at a time at two minute intervals.

Most managed to finish the route by answering a series of questions, the answers to which told the navigator which way to go. One pair of journalism students managed to make it all the way to Hamilton before realizing they were going the wrong way.

First place went to Gord Lawson and Marc Montgomery, in car number 31. They picked up $50 and a trophy for their efforts. Second place to Annita Newell and Liz Mathias, who received $30 and a beer mug. Ed Kampuis and Keith Grey took third place receiving $20 and a beer mug.

The "map directory" trophy award for the greatest distance travelled in completeing the route went to Kevin Redman and Glen Kirby. Although the actual length of the route was only 52.2 miles this pair managed to stretch it to a total of 126 miles in their attempt to reach the finishing point, the Caverly Hotel in Niagara Falls.

Another special award went to Barrie Wood and Betty Penuto. They won the "Tail Ender" award for taking four hours 57 minutes to complete the route which officials said could be completed in two hours.

Not told, teams say

Four teams which did not take part in the winter carnival euchre tournament claimed they were not notified when the tournament was to be held.

"We would appreciate better co-operation from SAC (Student Administrative Council)," Dave McDonald, first year human relations, said.

"There should have been better organization, more publicity, anything," Tom MacMillan, first year mechanical drafting, said. "There were not announcements over the radio to indicate when the tournament was to be held."

Eugene Lampman, club convener, said he was unaware whether there were any radio announcements at the school.

The posters around the college did not indicate the time when the tournament would be held.

"It wasn't on the poster because we (SAC) were not sure when it would be held ourselves," Eugene, organizer of the tournament, said.

All four teams are willing to challenge the winners.

THUNK!....Some students seemed to enjoy taking out their frustrations on the ball Photo by Middlemiss

Staff defeats Hort students

Niagara staff defeated horticulture students in the Winter Carnival volleyball tournament.

The tournament was in two parts, the first on Monday, Feb. 7, and the conclusion on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

The staff team included Joanne Lafleur, Kay Steele, Tony Adams, Emil Knebel, Brian McKeown, Tom Pagonis and John Sibbett. Each winning team member received a beer mug and a bottle opener.

A total of six student teams participated in the tournament, and a student council team, who lost in their second game.

Students look on as a contestant in the euchre tournament plays his hand. Sixteen of the 20 teams who registered in the tournament competed (Photo by Curran)

Business Admin. students take $20 in euchre game

By SHELDON CURRAN

Five members of business administration are somewhat richer due to their success in playing cards at the winter carnival's euchre tournament.

The tournament held in the Mackenzie lounge on Feb. 8 was won by Steve Jackson, second year mechanical technology and Mike Lemieus, second year business administration. The team collected $20 for winning the event.

Only 16 teams of the 20 entered played. the top four teams collected cash prizes. Second place received $15, third $10 and fourth $5.

Heather Irwin, first year general college, and Tracy Blackburn, second year secretarial dicatation, ended in second place ahead of Mike Wolf, first year business administration. Collecting $5 for placing fourth were Ron McKay, first year business administration, and Gary McAninch.

Full slate of events during '77 Carnival

Winter Carnival week has ended.

The carnival began on Monday, Feb. 7 with a volleyball tournament. Six student teams, one staff team, and a SAC team competed for the beer mug and bottle opener prizes, for each member of the team.

Tuesday the car rally was held. Thirty-four cars fought time and trick questions in an effort to reach an unknown destination.

The euchre tournament, which was also on Tuesday, offered a $20 first prize to the winning team. Sixteen teams competed in the MacKenzie building lounge.

The volleyball tournament was completed on Wednesday, with the staff the over-all champs. They beat out the horticulture students two games to three.

The pie-eating contest took place on Thursday in the cafeteria. Students watched as nine contestants attempted to digest the chocolate cream pies. Three of the nine managed to remain at the table until one of them had finished all of his pie, including the crust.

Vacancy on board

The board of governors is looking for a Niagara graduate to fill the vacancy on the board, say the minutes of an executive committee meeting Dec. 21, presented to the board Feb. 3.

Heather Kilty officially resigned her position on the board at the Feb. 3 meeting in order to further her education. Ms Kilty was a member of the first graduating class of Niagara.

In the minutes of the Dec. 21 committee meeting, A. S. Manera, college president, said the board is looking for a graduate to fill the vacancy and will consider Francophone representation on the board for any future vacancies.

T-D Bank interested in graduates

The starting salary for third year business graduates is higher than that of a university graduate with a general BA, said Blaine Doherty, personnel representative of the Toronto Dominion Bank in South-West Ontario.

"This indicates that we (Toronto Dominion Bank) are more interested in college graduates than university," Mr. Doherty said. "The graduates at college have shown that their success rate has been higher."

Mr. Doherty was at Niagara College on Feb. 7 and 8 interviewing 37 second and third year students in business. The students made a favorable impression, Mr. Doherty said.

Royal Bank will come to the school later this month.

TRIP TO PERU

A trip to Peru may be in order for students taking the elective Aztecs and Incas. There are no definite plans at this point, the instructor, Dr. Anthony Goss, said, but if enough students are interested, the trip is on.

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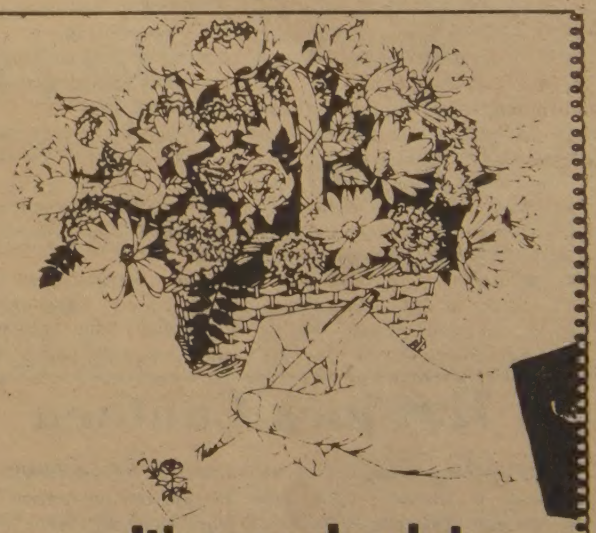

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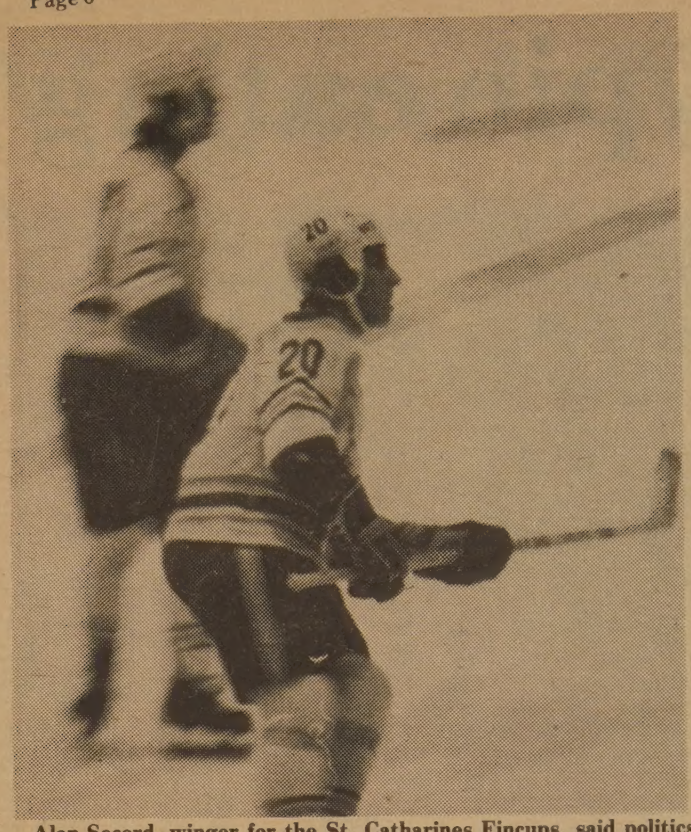

Alan Secord, winger for the St. Catharines Fincups, said politics played a key role at the World Junior Hockey Championships in Czechoslovakia. He said officials decided beforehand that the Czech team would place third in the tournament.

[Photo by Schatzler]

Politics rule hockey, junior championships

Canadian hockey players were regarded as ruthless in the recent world junior hockey championships.

Alan Secord doesn't agree.

" "We're rough, aggressive and the Europeans stick strictly to hockey," he said.

Alan, 18, plays defence and wing for the St. Catharines Fincups, who won the silver medal at the championships held in Czechoslovakia this past December.

The Slovak youth daily paper, Smena, labelled by the Canadians as "ruthless, rough, often cruel, with even brutal action by some players."

Alan, one of the more aggressive members of the team, laughed when he heard what was being said about the Canadians.

"The Russians and Czechs are sneaky," he said. "They use the short end of the stick in the corners, so the referee doesn't see it."

He suggested that the Russians are shown how to interfere in the corners in training.

The bad publicity given the Canadians by the Czech and Soviet press was not an attempt to intimidate the North American players.

"It was a lot of political things," the tall, blonde Fincup said. He said he has heard the Russians and Czech officials had some kind of meeting in which it was decided that the Czechoslovakian team would place in the top three. Czechoslovakia won the bronze medal in the championships.

The Czech youth daily, Mlada Fronta, criticized the American referee, Cerbo. It said the referee tolerated too much and failed to hand out penalties where they were needed.

"The American referee was the best in the tournament," Alan said. "He kept the game against Sweden under control and handed out penalties evenly." Canada beat Swewden 5-3.

There are more differences between hockey styles than just the amount of aggressiveness.

The Russians, for example, Alan said, are always setting their plays up. If they lose control of the puck, they go back to their own end and set up again for the attack.

"They always set up a man in perfect position to score," he said.

Other differences include good skating and stickhandling, Alan said.

The Fincups won the silver medal in a game against the Russians. They lost 6-4 in the only game they lost.

Hot jock Cauthen

It seems every year the sport of kings is blessed with yet another sensation, be it man or beast.

The 70s has foaled horses such as Wajima, Ruffian, and, of course, Secretariat, into the ranks of superhorse.

Those years has also brought such heralded riders as Chris McCarron, Roger J. Turcotte (better known as Secretariat's rider's brother), and Sandy Hawley, if you consider Hawley's torch of victory never blazed until Hialeah in 1970.

The most recent torch of victory to be lit is that of Stephen Cauthen, an astonishingly-young 16-year-old apprentice jockey from Kentucky who looks more like he should be thinking about the next junior prom instead of winning races.

Cauthen set an American riding record after winning five races on Saturday, Jan. 15, giving him 23 for a one week period. Galloping in temperatures estimated at sometimes below zero at New York's Aqueduct, Cauthen's record included a string of 18 wins over four days which smashed Bobby Permane's Tropical Park record established 16 years before Cauthen was born.

Pugnacious Meger can score

BY TIM MASON

A hockey team's policeman is not usually lauded for stylish playmaking and finesse, yet Kelly Meger's ability to make things click on ice, all the while maintaining law and order, no doubt has greatly attributed to Niagara Falls Canucks' late season emergence as the team to beat in this year's Niagara District junior B playoffs.

Although not ending for the Canucks until Feb. 11, the regular season closed Feb. 4 for Kelly when, in a game against Welland Cougars, he was handed a two—game suspension for being third man into a fight.

In that particular incident, Welland's Claude Roy, noted to have never lost a fight, was floored by a single nose-breaking punch from the right fist of Meger.

"This other player started pushing," Kelly explains, "and I just waited for him to come on, then I picked a spot and swung. Somebody on the bench said he was bleeding so I didn't hit him any more."

These pugnacious tactics are nothing new to the six-foot, one inch, 200-pound defenceman. A Niagara Falls native, Kelly remembers a midget game years ago when he chased an opposing player around the rink for boarding the goalie until he caught him, and then — "I beat him up."

Against Thorold this year, Canuck centre Dave Lair was flattened from behind after raising his arms in jubilation over a goal. An incensed Meger reacted, and sat out another two games.

'I WON'T FIGHT, BUT...'

"Most of the time when I get hit it doesn't really matter. I won't fight or anything. But if they hit somebody else on the team, I don't like it."

If Kelly doesn't knock the wind from a team's sail with punches, he'll do it on the scoreboard, feeding passes to league-leading scorer Larry Landon and other marksmen such as Lair and Kevin Flynn.

In the most recent game against Niagara-On-the-Lake, Kelly scored a goal and assisted on six others. Shadowing 50 points this year, he shoots his best against the Lakers, having turned in three-goal and two-goal performances, iced with a few assists, during the season.

As well as policeman and playmaker, Kelly is considered by many as the foundation of the Canuck defensive bulwark. Raised in a family where hockey is a tradition (Kelly's uncle Paul played in the 50s for Montreal Canadians before a tragic accident forced retirement; his father Ernie made his mark in the Ontario and American Hockey Leagues as a referee; and a younger brother, Wayne, has already shown extraordinary prowess on skates) Kelly also plays baseball, and was a member of the 1973 Niagara Falls midget team ranked third in Canada.

OFFERED SCHOLARSHIPS

Kelly was playing tier two junior A hockey as a 16-year-old, after being drafted by Sudbury Wolves, a farm team of Boston Bruins. He has been offered various scholarships from top U.S. institutions like Cornell University the last few years, but nothing has ever materialized.

There is little doubt Kelly has had chances to at least attempt to make a career of sports, and therein lies what sets him apart from most players — his philosophy about athletics.

"I think sports should be played for fun," Kelly said. "If you're not having fun at it, there's no sense in playing. A lot of NHL players are just playing for the money and not really getting any enjoyment out of the game."

Future plans? Kelly says he would like to coach youngsters some day. He said most kids today never learn the basic fundamentals of hockey and that he sees some ways things like practices could be changed so they are not as objectionable to the players.

One thing remains certain. Whoever the Canucks play in the playoffs, they had better be on their best behavior. Unless they want their noses broken.

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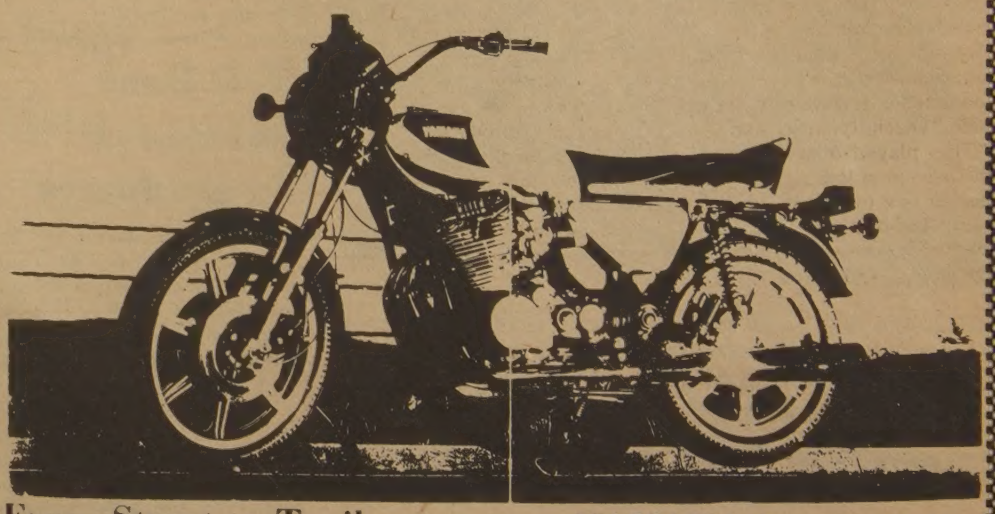

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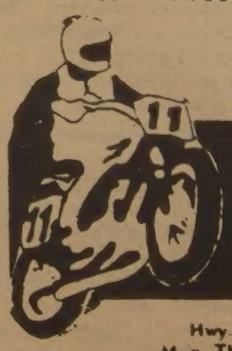

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Final seconds decide outcome in b—ball

By PAUL KREAMER

In back-to-back games the Niagara College men's basketball team has come away both victorious and defeated—in each case the final few seconds, determined the eventual outcome.

On Feb. 9 the team came up four seconds short of upsetting powerhouse Sheridan College, Oakville.

Sheridan's centreman, Terry Auger, stole the ball from a Niagara defender, under NC's basket, and laid in an easy shot for the 68—67 win in the Welland campus gym.

"I don't mind losing but we made some bad mistakes at the end of the game to give it away," coach Peter Rylander said.

Mike Soucie tried a last second shot from centre but the attempt dropped short, and no foul was called even though Soucie was flattened in the act of shooting.

"Even their coach (Sheridan's Dick Ruschienski) said that Mike was fouled," Mr. Rylander said. Ruschienski was heard to say after the incident, "we better get out of here before the cops come and arrest us for stealing."

Soucie was NC's top scorer with 20, pivot Ted Kicinski had 18 and forward Jim Watson scored 11.

Paul Kane of Sheridan had the game high total of 27 followed by Joe Wade's 16 and Auger's 15.

At press time the loss dropped Niagara to 5-9 for the season and lifted Oakville to 14-2.

At half time NC led 39-36 only shooting 36 per cent on 17 of 47 compared to Sheridan's 51 per cent on 16 of 31. For the game Niagara hit on 31 of 83 for a 38 per cent clip. In the second half the Knights were out-scored 32-28.

ST. CLAIR

Last minute heroics by Niagara enabled the court Knights to beat St. Clair, Windsor, 58-57 on Feb. 5 in the Mackenzie gym.

With the lead changing eight times in the game Niagara was hard pressed to make their last shot count with less than 10 seconds remaining.

"It was not a wide open game because both teams were playing good defence and we couldn't get inside," coach Rylander said.

"They played zone and put six foot three inch Bob Schwager on Kicinski (six foot four inch) and he shut Ted off."

TERRY KRAWEC

For the game Kicinski had 18 points, 13 defensive and seven offensive rebounds. Soucie tied for game high scorer with 21, and Terry Krawec had eight.

Windsor's Henry Koscielski was their man with 21 and Kevin Boutette go 15.

Soucie got 16 points in the second half to pick put the slack left by Kicinski being shut out.

Both teams had an eight point lead at one time in the game. St. Clair's bulge 12-4 in the first four minutes of the game, and NC's 32-24 early in the second half.

Niagara shot 32 per cent making 20 of 61 field goals.

SENECA

Led by the outside shooting of John Melchiori, Seneca College, Toronto, defeated Niagara 82—55 on Jan. 27 in Welland.

Melchiori hitting constantly from 30 feet out ran up 32 points for the Toronto team. Rapheal Harris and Len Noel scored 10 to help out.

Niagara's gunners were Soucie with 21, Krawec sinking 12 and center Kicinski netting 10.

"Seneca is probably one of the better teams in the Western Division, and it will be a dog fight between them and Sheridan for first in Toronto," the coach said. "One or the other should take it."

The team shot 31 per cent for the game making 19 of 61 for the night from the floor.

D'YOUVILLE

The exhibtion game between D'Youville, Buffalo, and Niagara scheduled for Feb. 2 in Buffalo was cancelled due to weather conditions. No date has been arranged for the contest.

Over Windsor

McKay paces ladies with 16 point game

Sandy McKay's eight-foot jump shot with nine seconds left in the game lifted the Niagara College ladies basketball team to a 33-31 victory over St. Clair, Windsor.

Miss McKay led all scorers with 16 points. She was helped out by Patty Matthews with seven, Monica Rose and Iris Christopher hitting for four points each and Laura Stevens rounding out the scoring with two.

"Both teams were playing a tough defensive zone which clogs up the middle and cuts down shots from the inside," Peter Rylander, athletic director, said.

At press time, the ladies hold a 3-5 season record with two regular season contests remaining.

SENECA

Outgunned 41-8 in the second half, the ladies of the court dropped a 58-23 decision to Seneca College, Toronto, on Feb. 2 in the provincial capital.

Forward Iris Christopher carried the lead for NC with 14 points with Sandy McKay and Bonnie Hamilton both chipping in four each.

Carol Cowans' 17 and Melinda Coker's 11 and Karen Rahn's nine powered the Scarborough crew to the win.

Playoff hopes dim for Ice Knights

Coach Fred Bassi believes that the shot at a playoff position is not very good. "We would have to win both of our remaining season games and Fanshawe (London) would have to lose to Algonquin and Sheridan."

The coach expects Fanshawe to beat the weak Algonquin team squeezing Niagara out of second season play.

Mr. Bassi's assessment of the league so far is that , "We're just playing against better teams who get better hockey players than we do. If I could have got more desire out of two or three of the players I had this year, we might have done better."

FANSHAWE

Bob Stuart's first period penalty shot goal failed to awaken the listless Niagara men's hockey team as they settled for a 6-6 tie with Fanshawe, London.

The Knights took a two goal lead into the third stanza but goals by London's Tim Swain and Pete Jones' second of the night took away Niagara's badly needed win.

Over-all, Stuart had a good game on Feb. 5 in Welland scoring two goals and two assists. Other Niagara marksmen were Jim Ives with a pair, Tom MacLean and Pat Flynn with singles.

Rounding out the scoring for London were Bill Corbett, Al Shaw, and Bob Secrtz.

The score was tied 3-3 after the first and Niagara out-scored Fanshawe 3-1 in the second.

ST. CLAIR

Marking up a snow-cancelled game with St. Clair, Windsor, proved costly to the rink Knights as they were whipped 9-1.

The contest originally slated for Jan. 29 was played Feb. 3 in Welland.

Niagara had played the previous night (Feb. 2) against Humber giving them only 15 hours rest. Coach Bassi however did not think it made any difference because, "we lost to St. Clair even before the game started," referring to the team's attitude. "The game was just no contest," he said.

Scoring NC's lone goal was Eddy Meleski, unassisted.

Windsor got a hat-trick from captain Lou Gagnon and a two--goal game from Tom Friesen.

Singles went to Mike Wall, Jamie Stickney, Tom Boroski and John Moore.

The game was two game misconducts to NC's Andy MacKenzie and St. Clair's Dwight Davison, both for roughing, in the third period. There was a total of 23 minor penalties called and two five-minute majors, Darte Miller for cross checking and Gerry Mahon for fighting.

Windsor led 4-1 after one period and 8-1 going into the third.

HUMBER

Despite having one goal called back in the first period, Humber College, Toronto, went on to skate to a 5-3 victory on Feb. 2 in Welland.

The score was tied 1-1 in the first when Humber's Paul Roberts goal was disallowed because of an illegally curved stick. The Knights took the lead 2-1 in the second, but Toronto out-scored NC 4-1 in the third.

Niagara goals, one coming in each period, were scored by Len D'Aiute, Tom MacLean and Joe Serra.

Humber's first goal of the game was by captain Bill Morrison. The four-goal third period outburst was by Ron Lutka, Brian Bitcon, Larry Foy and Roberts.

Badminton team fourth

Niagara College's badminton team failed to qualify anyone at the West Regional finals in Hamilton on Feb. 4 and 5 for the Ontario College Athletic Association championships.

Only the first two finishers in each category advance to the OCAA playoffs in Toronto on Feb. 25 and 26.

Niagara's Sue Distille placed third in the ladies singles event with a 4-2 won-lost record at the Mohawk College competition. Niagara's other entry, Lynn O'Neil, finished 10th at 0-4.

Jill Jackson, 6-0, of Fanshawe, London, won the singles, with Andrea Murphy, 5-1, of Mohawk placing second.

Bob Lake, NC's only hope in the men's singles, finished third in his division with a 2-2 record. Tim Garison, 6-0, of St. Clair, Windsor, won the singles with steve Astrop, 5-1, of Mohawk in second.

The men's doubles was won by St. Clair's Chris Fredrick and Gary Baker with their 4-0 record. Niagara's team of Bronce Tomasic and Mark Broughton finished fifth with a tally of 0-4.

There was a three-way tie for first in the mixed doubles event with Fanshawe eventually winning on points by least amounts of games lost in the doubles. NC's tandem of Ron McKay and Karen Oaks, 0-4, finished behind Fanshawe, Lambton, Sarnia, and St. Clair.

"The team played well for the amount of games they played, they were close but not close enough," Wanda Bach, coach of the team, said, "You can't take anything away from the winners because they played really well."

Defending champ St. Clair won the over-all team title as well as the men's team trophy. Fanshawe took the honors for the ladies team trophy.

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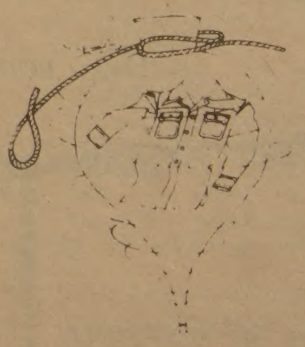

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Five-piece band for 'Three Penny'

By GUDRUN SCHATZLER

John Butler helps singers to "get to know notes."

Mr. Butler of the musical faculty at Brock, helped choose singers for Three Penny Opera, the college's decennial project. Mr. Butler is musical director and John Rapsey of the Niagara Theatre Centre is the director.

Mr. Butler has his Master's of Music from the University of Alberta and has studied in New York and Vienna in the music field.

He won't be directly involved with the play until about a month before it opens.

"I put the orchestra together," he said. "I'm responsible for getting the music to sound as good as possible."

Even though the college has applied for a Wintario grant and a high box office return is expected, they there isn't very much money for a full peice orchestra, Mr. Butler said.

"We only have enough for a five or six piece band,"

The band will probably consist of a piano, trumpet, trombone, clarinet, harmonium (pump organ) and percussion.

Mr. Butler has been musical director for Press Theatre's prodution, Fantastiks and Dames at Sea. He worked with Garden City Productions last year on Anne of Green Gables and directed the Tom Kneebone and Dinah Christie show.

The title of Three Penny Opera is misleading, Mr. Butler said.

"It really doesn't qualify as opera because it isn't sung-like opera," he said. "Most of it is straight dialogue and action."

JOHN BUTLER

The play was originally written in Germany by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weil and was called a Singspiel, which is more like a Broadway musical than an opera.

The play will open at Centennial High School in Welland on April 12 and run through to April 15.

Re-elect McKay

The union local representing teachers at Niagara has re-elected Craig McKay as its president.

Mr. Mckay, a retraining English instructor, was re-elected at a meeting of Local 242 of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union held Dec. 13.

However, the union was unable to fill three positions on the exectutive.

Also elected to the executive were; Ms Beverly Langley, vice president, Emil Knebel, secretary-treasurer and Glen Schleihauf chief steward.

All those elected were elected by acclamation.

Board chairman re-elected

Niagara's board of governors re-elected W.H. Burton, a Welland businessman, and G.H. Hamilton, a trustee of the Niagara South Board of Education for Niagara Falls, for their second terms of chairman and vice-chairman of the board respectively.

The announcement was released at the board of governors meeting Feb. 3.

Four people were also elected to the board's standing committees. D.R. Wilson was elected chairman of the academic affairs committee; Dr. L.W.C. Sturgeon chairman of the finance and property committee;Mrs. M.E. Lancaster chairman of the personnel committee; and R.A. Wilson chairman of the student affairs committee.

Mr. Burton has been a member of the board since 1970. He has held the position of chairman of the finance and property committee and was vice-chairman of the board.

Mr. Hamilton has served on the board since 1972 and besides his duties as vice-chairman of the board, he will serve as chairman of the executive committee.

Students oriented to N/C programs

About 400 students from Welland secondary schools visited Niagara College on Feb. 11 and 14. The purpose was to orient the graduating students on the programs which are offered at the College.

Addiction Research endorses program

A "drinking skills" program will be held at Niagara, probably the third week in February, according to a college counsellor who is co-ordinating the program.

The counsellor, Bruce Tallon, said the program finally received "its okay" from A.S. Manera, college president.

The drinking program was slated to begin in mid-November but legal technicalities and the lack of an endorsement from the head office of the Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) prevented the program from getting started.

Cost of the "spirits" will be financed by student services of Niagara and ARF. The alcoholic beverages will be served upstairs in the Tecumseh lounge.

The program, open to staff and students, is designed for light and heavy social drinkers of any age. Non-drinkers are also welcome. This service will concentrate upon two areas: alcohol education and alcohol consumer behavior, and the actual training phase.

The program has added an extra phase from the original plan, assertiveness training.

"This phase is to try to show how the drinker can say no to people who insist—it's necessary for environmental stimula," Mr. Tallon said. "For an example, when a waiter in a hotel pressures a customer to consume more than he or she actually wants or needs."

The program has three objectives: to assist social drinkers recognize a comfortable level of drinking short of impairment; to give the individual an opportunity to be responsible for his or her own body and actions based on accurate information gained through discrimination training, and to teach the individual a more rational method of decision-making with regard to consumption of alcohol.

"I really don't care what somebody wants to do with their liver or kidneys," Mr. Tallon said. "Our basic purpose is to educate the individual on alcohol. The rest is up to the individuals whether they control their drinking or not."

Control of one's behavior in relation to others is a desirable goal in society, Mr. Tallon said.

Any means that increase a person's degree of control with regard to altering his or her consciousness by alcohol should be encouraged.

The program will probably consist of 10 sessions. Four drinks will be served at each and the individual will write down his body sensations after each drink. A breathalyzer will be used from time to time to give the participant feed-back on what his blood alcohol content level is.

Bill Riddel of The Addiction Research Foundation, Hamilton, will assist in the program. Dr. Eileen Alexander, of the Welland branch of the foundation, will be a resource person. Bruce Milligan, law and security administration, will operate the breathalyzer. Karen Zanutto of St. Catharines will be consultant.

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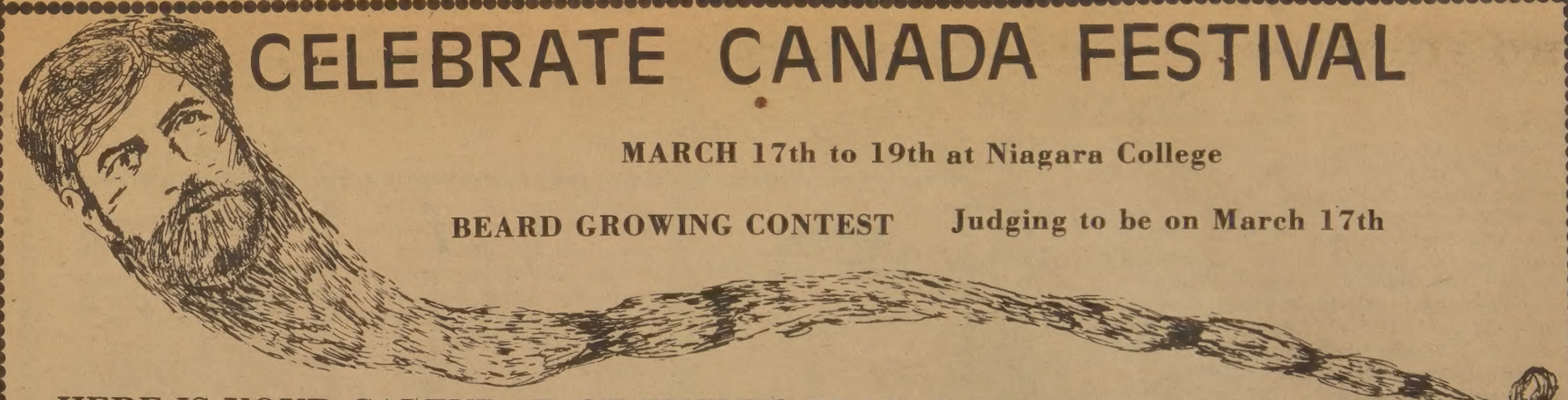

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Cdn. plays, poets and orchestra scheduled for Canada festival

It is definite. The St. Catharines Symphony orchestra will be in residence at Niagara College for the Celebrate Canada Festival March 17 to 19 and it will be performing in concert at the auditorium of Centennial Secondary School, Welland.

The Niagara South Board of Education will provide free use of the auditorium.

John Muggeridge, Niagara College Canadian Studies specialist and chief organizer of the festival, said there has been funding from local industry, Wintario and the Ontario Arts Council, (OAC).

JOHN MUGGERIDGE

OAC is paying two-thirds of the cost of putting on a Canadian play called Betty Beleoski Finds a Home—or Settling the Great Canadian West.

IN HAMILTON ROOM

This play, which will be performed by the Carousel Players, a travelling troupe from St. Catharines, was written by Duncan McGregor and Wyn Bray, a former theatre arts student from Niagara College.

Mr. Muggeridge said this "light-hearted, human-interest" production will take place in the Hamilton Room about 3.30 p.m. on March 19.

A special visitor to the college will be Kildare Dobbs, writer, poet, and, as Mr. Muggeridge put it, a "belles-lettrist," someone who cultivates an elegant literary style. He will discuss Canadian books and their authors. His services will be free—he is Mr. Muggeridge's cousin.

It is fairly certain that there will be a film festival. Entertaining National Film Board productions will be featured together with recently released full-length Canadian motion pictures and older productions which may include silent films from the 1920s.

PLANS FINAL

Plans are final for the Royal Canadian Air Farce, a satirical comedy group, to record a program for nation-wide broadcast on the CBC. They will be in the Hamilton Room on the Thursday evening of the festival.

Pauline Carey will put on a one-woman show at Thursday lunchtime. She assumes the role of Anna Jameson, a woman who wrote about Upper Canada in 1837. Mr. Muggeridge called this a "dramatization of an historical character."

On the Friday, Hugh Halliday, former instructor at Niagara, will bring uniforms from the Canadian War Museum, Ottawa. These uniforms are accurate reproductions of those used in the Seven Years War. They will be worn by theatre arts students in an illustrated lecture given by Mr. Halliday.

SEEKS POST

Mr. Muggeridge is hoping to use funds from the Canadian Studies department to pay Charles Hayter, a poet who has given recitals throughout North America and in England. Mr. Hayter will read the works of Canadian poet Robert Service in the Hamilton Room at lunchtime on Saturday, March 19.

An open rehearsal will be given by the St. Catharines Symphony on the Friday night in the resource centre. Students and members of the public will be allowed to walk around and look at the various instruments, "blow into a trombone and bang a tympanum."

Mr. Muggeridge said he welcomes any ideas for the Celebrate Canada Festival as he wants all students to participate.

He may be reached at extension 391. His office is on the second floor of the Simcoe building in the applied arts office.

Stress major cause of illness no solution in sight: doctors

By RIC DOLPHIN

The phone rang in Dr. Alexander's office. It was about a 14-year-old girl patient of his who had taken a mixture of drugs and alcohol in an attempt to kill herself. Luckily, she had failed.

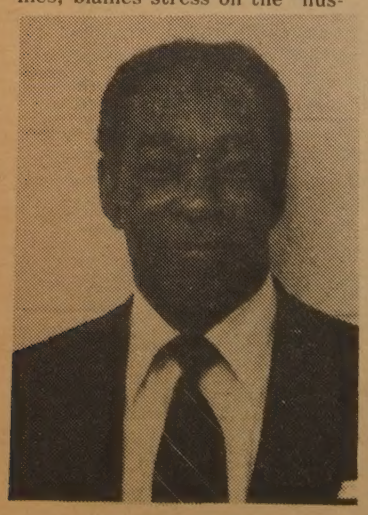
Dr. Gerald Alexander, Niagara College physician and practising doctor in Welland, said this girl had been dumped by her boy friend and lacking the male guidance she needed (her father was dead), she felt the stress on her was unbearable and she attempted suicide.

Stress, the tension in everyday living, is becoming a major cause of physical and psychological illnesses, Dr. Alexander said.

It affects people in all groups and there doesn't appear to be any solution in sight.

HUSTLE-BUSTLE

Dr. Louis Grant, a public health physician in St. Catharines, blames stress on the "hustle-bustle" of modern living. Life in the city is the worst, he said. No one has time to talk to anyone else, everyone is in a hurry to get where they are going.



DR. LOUIS GRANT

Students are faced with the pressure of competition and the increasingly tense process of finding a job after graduation.

Dr. Grant said there are a "whole host of visible and invisible psychological and physical abnormalities" caused by stress in the human body. He said it can affect the blood vessels, the heart, the kidneys and, possibly, the brain. It has been linked to high blood pressure and heart disease.

Stress is caused by noise, family pressure, job pressure and conscience pangs.

MUCH UNNECESSARY

It causes worry, much of it unnecessary, and worry can become a habit and perhaps lead to an ulcer.

Dr. Alexander said physical "impairments" can bring anxiety and thus stress. An illness might prohibit the recreational activity usually enjoyed by a person. This person, their "escape valve" plugged, become tense, worried and stressful. The illness may also make their job an ordeal and moe stress is added.

He said if an ulcer is cured, the reason why the ulcer occurred must also be cured—"the psychosocial" reason.

EVERYONE STRESSFUL

Everyone is stressful to a degree, Dr. Alexander said, only sometimes it is more severe like in the case of his 14-year-old patient. He said people in situations such as this should "try to look at their lifestyle, their job, their home, and see where they can reduce stress." He emphasized communication as a valuable means of relieving pressure.

There are several routes available for his girl patient. She may find out she didn't want to kill herself and face the fact that life is full of problems; she may have her mind set on suicide, in which case, Dr. Alexander said, she will succeed; most probably, she will have to undergo 12- to 50 hours of professional examination, testing and counselling. He said new goals will have to be established for this girl and her weaknesses will have to be strengthened.

Whatever the reasons are for stress, it is here to stay.

DR. GERALD ALEXANDER

Peggy Lewis asks

When will it end?

AT PRESS TIME

The latest announcement from Mrs. Lewis — "My muffler blew this morning!"

By GUDRUN SCHATZLER

Peggy Lewis would like to lock up her house and go to Florida. And with good reason.

Mrs. Lewis, secretary for J. J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, has had more than her share of problems in this winter's snow storms.

First, there was the furnace, then a water pipe, and then the gas well.

Both Mrs. Lewis and her husband were stranded on the Friday the storm started. Mrs. Lewis didn't get home until Sunday but her husband did manage to arrive on Saturday via snowmobile. He came home to find that the furnace hadn't turned itself on. So he slept downstairs and kept checking the furnace during the early hours of Sunday.

WEATHER RELENTS

When he woke up in the morning he heard water dripping. He thought that the weather was turning milder and rain was falling instead of snow.

"Unfortunately, it wasn't raining outside," Mrs. Lewis said, "but raining inside."

The radiator in one of the upstairs bedrooms had frozen and split. Her husband had to drain the water system to isolate the damaged radiator.

Everything seemed to be running fine afterwards. But not so. Again there was the sound of running water. This time it came from the kitchen.

A water pipe had frozen and it, like the radiator, had split. And because either the water pump or the intake from the well had also frozen, there was no water.

"We were melting snow and pulling water out of the cistern," Mrs. Lewis said.

Her troubles still weren't over.

THEN CAME THE PLOW...

The snowplow came along and cleared the road and, in doing so, covered the gas well on her property. And the snow plow kept coming and snow kept piling up on the gas well. The gas well broke and they lost their pressure. They have to wait until spring to find the gas leak.

"Because we have a gas stove we had to borrow a hot plate from a neighbor," she said. "We have an electric stove and water heater now."

Her husband did find an old water pump and connected it from the well to the water tank.

"My nusband is quite handy and, thank goodness, mechanically minded."

After the spring thaw, Mrs. Lewis says they'll have to fix all the broken pipes.

"We'll have lots of water then."

Manera thanks those who helped in storm

College president A.S. Manera thanked those who helped during the Jan. 28 storm in which more than 500 students and staff were stranded at Niagara.

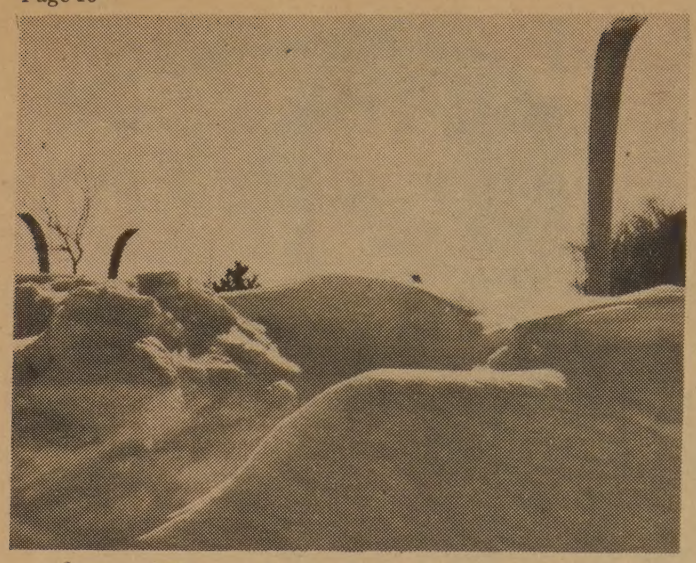
In a letter to the Niagara College community, Mr. Manera said, "A large number of individual students and staff boldly rose to the challenge, not always because they were asked, but mostly because they were there, something had to be done and they did it."

Mr. Manera said it is risky to focus on any individual's contribution because "there are so many others whose deeds escaped notice, but many were equally essential to the successful handling of the situation."

Mr. Manera commended Adam Macsai, Student Administrative Council president, who helped in food distribution and evacuation of students; Eleanor Snider, "who immediately took responsibility for first aid and other medical needs,"; switchboard operators Helen Wallace, Gloria Ursacki and Dawne Eros, and kitchen chef John Hubeny.

"We are also greatly indebted to Ed Thompson and other plant department staff for their absolutely superb performance in keeping our buildings as comfortable as reasonably possible under the circumstances.

"Of all the lessons we learned through this event, one certainly overshadows all others. And that is that we depend on each other more than we realize; the statement that 'no man is an island' may appear trite in our usual surroundings but its message is forever true."



Eye-level view?

A photographer might be 10 feet tall, but he still wouldn't get a picture of the parking lot over this drift alongside the Mackenzie building. A path has been cleared through the drift since this photo was taken. (Photo by Middlemiss)

Mandatory 3rd year sought for RTV program next fall

Third year may be mandatory for Radio and Television program (RTV) this fall.

The president's report to the board of governors Feb. 3 said the proposal for a compulsory third year didn't involve any additional staff. Approval of the Council of Regents to make it compulsory is being sought.

Larry Taylor, RTV co-ordinator, said the program has had an optional third year in the past and a compulsory third year would turn out a better qualified student.

One feature the additional year can offer, Mr. Taylor aid, is the ability to specialize in the area the students wants to. These specialization areas include radio, television and film, he said.

During the first two years students couldn't specialize as much Mr. Taylor said, but they will still be able to get summer jobs in radio or TV. He said with the coming of the mandatory third year he will be able to get students outside the college and into the area's television and radio stations more than before.

Mr. Taylor said the optional third year is not economical to operate because if just two or three come back then teachers are tied up.

"We've had as many as six to 10 and as few as two or three," he said, and with a compulsory third year, "We thought we could do a better job."

He said a music course is being added "to make students aware of more than their rock stars" because most stations don't play rock music.

Another course being added is current events in the media.

He said the graduates of the third year will be of better quality.

"Our graduates are among the best in the country and we want to keep that record up," he said.

...and Int. Design tries again

A compulsory third year has again been proposed for the interior design program.

A motion at the board of governors meeting Feb. 3 by J.B. McLaughlin asked that a proposal for a compulsory third year in the interior design program be submitted to the Council of Regents.

A.S. Manera, college president, said that he felt two years is not enough to provide students with the knowledge needed in their field.

He said the application to approve the program will be stated in such way that the college can continue the two-year program until it can afford to make the change.

Background factor in illiteracy: Webb

By NELLE OOSTEROM

The problem of student illiteracy may stem from the fact that community colleges have produced a new strain of student. This finding is contained in a report compiled by Gary Webb, a Niagara College English instructor.

This "new strain" comprises students from lower economic backgrounds who previously were never served by post-secondary institutions, he said.

The apparent increase in student illiteracy prompted him to do the study entitled, "The Student of Lower Socio-Economic Background and the Community College." It is now being circulated among college officials and staff.

"I wanted to find out why students were coming here with such fundamental problems in basic grammar, to find out if there was something were something we were overlooking."

In his first year at the college, he was asked to help a student who had failed the college's remedial English course several times. The same student had an 80 per cent average in English in high school and scored well on basic grammar tests. However his speech and writing were almost unintelligible.

WHAT HAPPENED?

"I wanted to know why this apparent retrogression took place. Why students who did well in high school English lost their skills before coming to college."

The answer is complex. Economic factors are a prime factor in student illiteracy, he said. Students from a working class environment seem less prepared for an academic setting because of their background.

Almost 70 per cent of Ontario's community college students are classified as coming from a lower socio-economic background, he said.

But they don't all need help in English. Only about 15 per cent (about 140) of the total college population have serious learning problems, he said.

Niagara's problem is far less serious than in some core ghetto areas of the U.S., he said. Even in Ontario, the college fares well in comparison, since some community colleges have dropped English electives altogether.

"We've been lucky at Niagara because we've maintained the importance of language and because other areas of study are now becoming aware of the importance of English."

The fact remains, however, that community colleges serve the type of student who in the past, did not pursue a post-secondary education. Higher education used to be the privilege of the elite, he said, but now its availability to all income groups has produced a special set of problems.

NEW WAYS TO HELP

Mr. Webb stress that he does not want his report to become a basis for prejudice against lower income groups. Instead he wants to find ways of solving the problem.

The report recommends developing a program at the college to develop a student's strong areas in addition to the current efforts to remedy the student's weak points.

Tests have shown that working class students generally score much lower in I.Q. tests than students from higher income groups. This does not prove that working class student are any less intelligent, Mr. Webb said, but that I.Q. test answers are designed to fit middle class backgrounds.

Working class children acquire skills useful to a working class life style, he said. These same skills are looked down upon by the educational system.

For example, he said obedience is a value stressed in many working class homes, because obedience is necessary for success in a manual labor environment, such as a factory. At school, a working class child is likely to wait for specific instructions and hesitate to do anything on his own, he said. Consquently, the child is stereotyped as "slow" or "disadvantaged".

NO STEREOTYPE

"But there is no stereotype. I would think that probably half the staff of this college comes from a working class background and had to work their way up."

He summed up the problem of working class illiteracy as "complex and very difficult to explain."

Statistics show that 39 per cent of the fathers of students in universities had attended university. In community colleges the figure is only 17 per cent. This indicates that college students are more likely to come from working class backgrounds than university students, Mr. Webb said.

Report : increase in enrolment

A. S. Manera, college president, reported to the board of governors Feb. 3 that 2,075 students are registered for the winter term and an additional 85 students were expected to register in the Hotel and Restaurant Administration program on Feb. 2.

The report said about 87 per cent of the 1976 graduates have found work and the placement rate for nursing students is 88 per cent. The highest student placement rate was 93 per cent in Applied Science and Technology.

"These rates are not as high as we would like, but they do reflect the tight job market," Mr. Manera's report said.

As of Jan. 20, 1976, only 2,036 students were registered at Niagara. The 2,075 student figure for this year includes 34 first term studentsd in the business administration course.

RETRAINING STATIC

The enrolment of the retraining programs remained static at 583 full-time students. Retraining classes for marine training started Jan. 10 and 15 Canada Manpower students began the General Fruit Farming program which began Jan. 31.

Niagara's part-time education is working out well, the report said. The training in business and industry includes courses for staff working with the mentally retarded. The report stated Gail Hilyer, applied arts chairman of extension, developing 12 courses for this group.

There are 47 post-secondary courses operating this term as compared to 38 courses held during the fall term. The president's report also said he was happy about the college's day release program in supervisory management.

The report said, "A total of 30 employees from General Motors and 84 employees from Ontario Paper are presently taking this program at the college."

Holidayed in Florida but left just in time

Eric Robinson, chairman of Labour and Labour-Management studies at Niagara, was quite fortunate during a recent vacation in Florida.

Temperatures were below tropical but it was not until his last day there that freezing set in on the Sunshine State.

Mr. Robinson said he and his wife and son experienced cool to warm weather during their stay in New Smyrna, a resort town 16 miles south of Daytona.

He said there were some days when temperatures rose pleasantly near the 70sF, but on his last day there, Jan. 17, temperatures dropped drastically to around 28F.

But the sudden cold snap failed to deter Mr. Robinson from washing the car he had borrowed for his vacation stay.

"I did have some difficulty, though," he said. "It was so cold the water began to freeze in the hose and the soap turned to slush."

Mr. Robinson said he later overheard two women in the laundromat talking about some "crazy Canadian" washing his car in the cold and wearing nothing more than shorts, sandals and a sweatshirt.

What followed that day was a blitz of cold weather. That blitz of cold weather that caused widespread crop destruction in Florida and virtually wiped out the state's fish hatching industry.

But Mr. Robinson said he gathered from talking to cab drivers and local residents of Florida that there was no sense of impending disaster at the time he was there.

He said the newspapers were constantly monitoring the weather situation, but he added, they seemed to be holding back on the serious potential of a freezing climate in Florida.

Everything was looking good when he was there, Mr. Robinson said.

"Most of the orchards we saw were plentiful with lush citrus fruit," he said.

Though the climate during Mr. Robinson's stay was far more pleasant than the days that followed, it was not suitable for swimming and sun bathing, he said.

"My son and I made one attempt to go into the ocean —but we came out pretty quick," he said.

Because of the natural gas shortage that accompanied the cold snap, the resort's pools were without heat.

Mr. Robinson said his family and one other couple from Montreal seemed to be the only ones using the pool.

"People would see us swimming and exclaim,"Gosh, you're brave!"

But Mr. Robinson said they would take a second look and say, "Oh. You're the Canadians—that accounts for it."

Hold blood clinic at NC in March

If you haven't given blood this year you can do so March 4 in the Mackenzie gym.

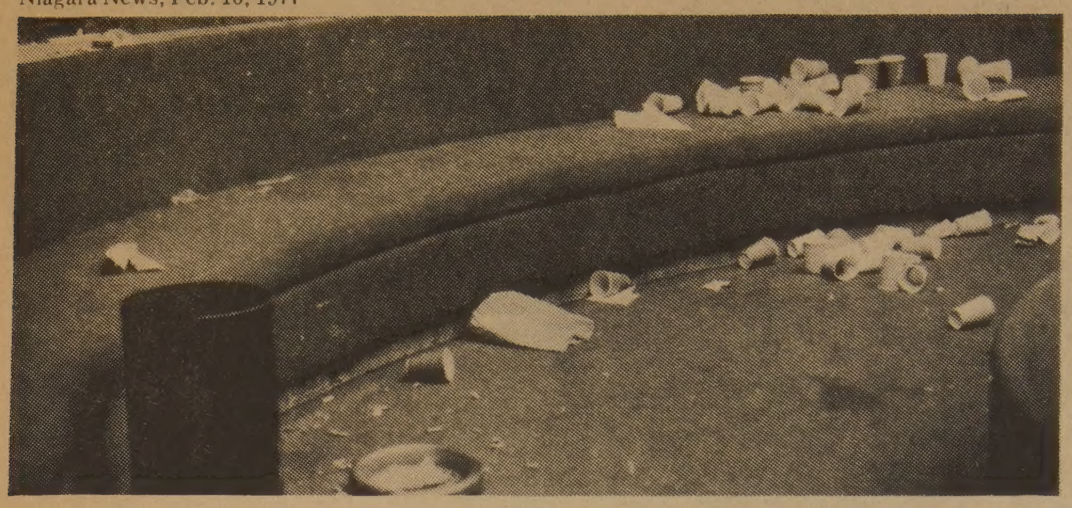
The clinic will be running from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Blood is needed for emergencies where a person has lost blood or for hazardous operations.

A pamphlet put out by the Red Cross says anyone who is in good health and between the ages of 18 and 65 can give blood. A person can give a pint of blood about four times a year. The blood taken is fully replaced by the body after two or three weeks.

The blood taken can be kept for about 21 days and if the blood type is very rare it can be kept at -112 degrees (F) for several years.

There is not reward for giving blood but because the blood is donated it can be given to patients without charge.

For more information contact Marian Kerr, Niagara College health nurse.



Nice eh! This is not a simulated appearance. The artistic ability of students created this sculpture in the first floor lounge of the Simcoe building. (Photo by Curran)

Litter lives in lounges, 'students are just lazy'

By SHELDON CURRAN

The Niagara Knight campaign is apparently having little affect on Niagara students.

"The students a~e just lazy as far as I'm concerned," Karl Simpson, custodian of Simcoe building, said. "We need more co-operation from the students."

The Niagara Knight campaign was launched in the fall to help eliminate the pollution problems on campus. In the fall a cut in maintenance staff was made at the college.

Mr. Simpson who has been working on the main campus since the fall says the students are just as bad here as at Wellandvale where he previously worked.

"Some people help, but they are far and few between," he said. "Paper cups, wrappings from chocolate bars, and food are lying all over the place." He meant the lounges.

"The first floor lounge is the worst of all the lounges at the campus," Mr. Simpson said. "It usually takes me twice as long to clean that lounge as the other two lounges at Simcoe."

This could be because the food vending machines are in the first floor lounge, but really there's no excuse,there are plenty of garbage cans."

He is also disgruntled by cigarette butts.

"Cigarette butts—I don't think they (students) see the ashtrays; they just butt the cigarettes wherever they please," Mr. Simpson said. "If an ashtray is 10 feet away, they just butt it where they are, in the rug, cement, whatever."

Motion defeated, no students allowed

A motion to allow student representation on the board of governors was defeated in a 3-2 vote at the board meeting Feb. 3.

The vote followed a lengthy discussion by the board. Two members abstained from voting.

A brief entitled "The Need for a Student on Boards of Governors of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology", prepared by students and their elected representatives of various community colleges, was received by A.S. Manera, college president, and circulated to the board of governors.

The Council of Regents would have to approve the appointment of a student to the board of governors and then the student could not be removed without the approval of the council.

Eleanor Lancaster, board member, asked whether the student would be selected by the students or the faculty. She said students have made some "very bad mistakes" in electing their student councils because they use the wrong criteria for selection.

Mr. Manera said if the board selected the student, students would claim he was not representative because he was not elected.

Heather Kilty, who voted in favor of the motion, said it would depend on who was chosen to represent students on the board. "If I were a student on the board, I would want to have input," she said.

Mrs. Lancaster said the board's meetings were not as secret as the student brief indicated.

"The meetings are open and they can come and contribute," she said.

George Hamilton, board member, said he did not think there was great pressure at Niagara to have a student on the board.

Dr. L.W.C. Stugeon said he felt students were overrating the board and would probably be more interested in the committees, such as academic affairs, where decisions are made before being approved by the board.

Eugene Stranges, board member and alderman, asked the board to delay making a decision until the student council was contacted but W.H. Burton, chariman of the board, called for a vote on the issue.

OSAP increases

Tuition increases—$75 per year for community college students—will be "taken directly into account" in calculating amounts of student assistance next year, according to Dr. Harry Parrott, minister of colleges and universities.

Students will be allowed an extra $4 a week living allowances next year, an 11 per cent increase in book allowance, and some other increased allowances, Dr. Parrott announced last week.

"It's not a world-shattering sum ($4 a week for living expenses) but the slight changes in OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) will favor the student, M.E. Patterson, Niagara student awards officer, said, "I think the program is good."

(The 1977-78 grants budget for OSAP will be $74 million, up $13 million from this year.

"Recently announced tuition fee increases, the first in five years, will be taken directly into account in calculating the amount of assistance that students can receive," Dr. Parrott said.

Students living allowances under OSAP will be increased to $61 a week, compared to $57 this year. The maximum allowance for books has been increased 11 per cent, and there are several increased allowances to be used in calculating student resources for determining loan and grant limits.

OSAP combines loan assistance available through the Canada Student Loans Plan, and grant assistance available from the province of Ontario.

Changes in assessing parental contribution to students' educational expenses will make allowances for increases in the cost of living.

In 1977-78, assistance up to $1,000 will again be provided as a repayable loan guaranteed by the federal government under its Canada Student Loans Plan. Students needing additional assistance will usually receive it in the form of a provincial government grant.

The ministry of colleges and universities is preparing a descriptive booklet, Ontario Student Assistance Program, 1977-78, which will be distributed in April to high schools and post-secondary institutions throughout the province.

Tuition fees pay about 16%

Student tuition fees pay about 16 per cent of the total operating costs of community colleges.

The taxpayer pays about 80 per cent and private sources supply about four per cent.

These figures were contained in a statement on student loans last week by Dr. Harry Parrott, minister of colleges and universities.

About 40 % received loans

Sixty per cent of Niagara students are attending college without financial assistance programs.

About 900 students have received grants and loans this school year. There are about 2,100 students enrolled at Niagara.

"About 40 per cent of the student body at Niagara have received financial assistance," Mrs. M.E. Patterson, student awards officer at Niagara, said. 'The other students are financed otherwise."

No showing, snow blowing

BY GUDRUN SCHATZLER

Charlie Groundhog didn't make his annual weather prediction this year.

In a press release, delivered by Steve Sparrow, Charlie said his home was buried by snow drifts and he didn't want to run the risk of a heart attack by digging himself out.

"Charlie's getting old and he can't dig himself out through all that snow without hurting himself," Steve said.

In his annual prediction, Charlie judges future weather conditions by his shadow. If he sees his shadow on Feb. 2, then there are still six weeks until winter's end.

Charlie has requested financial aid from the provincial government.

"The whole area around Charlie's place is a disaster area," Steve said. "If he received financial help from the government he could get a snowplow or something to dig out the area."

Premier Davis could not be reached for comment.

To this date, Charlie still has not received word about extra money.

Charlie promises he'll try and come out this weekend and give a forecast.

"Maybe I'll be able to get out on the weekend, if I get the extra money," the press release said.

"If Charlie doesn't get the money, everybody will pitch in and dig Charlie out," Steve said. Several sparrows have already begun digging.

Until Charlie is dug out, Niagara residents will have to rely on the Niagara Regional Weather Office for forecast.

"They're doing a really good job — for amateurs," Charlie said.

Smaller increase of tuition fee preferred

By DENNY BUNYAN

Although college tuition has increased by $75, and universities $100, the college increase is larger proportionately than that of the universities because the universities pay a higher tuition.

While he feels that some increase is justified, A.S. Manera, college president, said he "would have preferred to see a smaller increase which would have been the same size as the increase in university tuitions."

He said he can appreciate the student's point of view. "None of us like to see our costs go up but one has to look all around. Everything has been going up so you can't expect costs to be fixed for all time," Mr. Manera said.

The last increase in tuitions was in 1972, when tuitions rose from $150 to $250.

"We might not get another increase for another five years," Mr. Manera said. "It is a government policy and government has to make that decision. No one can predict what a government will do."

As it stands, student tuition constitutes only 10 per cent of Niagara's operating cost. With the $75 increase next fall, tuition will pay for approximately 11.6 per cent.

In a survey of about 40 students, some expressed the opinion that industries should be taxed to pay increasing college costs. Students felt it is the industries which are gaining most from community colleges because of the skilled graduates going into the labor force.

Mr. Manera agrees that industries do benefit but so do students in the long run.

"The main question is, what is the most equitable distribution of the costs?" Mr. Manera said.

O'Flynn lectures for CLC in Barrie

Sean O'Flynn, co-ordinator of labor studies at Niagara, recently lectured at the annual staff training seminars held by the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) in Ottawa and Barrie.

Mr. O'Flynn conducted sessions on "The Psychology of Leadership" Jan. 19 and 20 for the CLC staff training program at the Continental Inn, Barrie, and at the training seminar for CLC regional directors at the El Mirador Hotel in Ottawa, Jan. 25 and 26.

Mr. O'Flynn said there were 25 CLC staff members from across Canada participating in the sessions at Barrie and 10 at the Ottawa seminar.

His talks on leadership incorporated lessons on motivation, perception and communication, and exercises highlighting some problems that CLC staff might encounter.

Mr. O'Flynn, who has lectured on labor studies at various weekend seminars in the past, said he finds it a pleasure to teach adults on the subject because "they are easy to relate to."

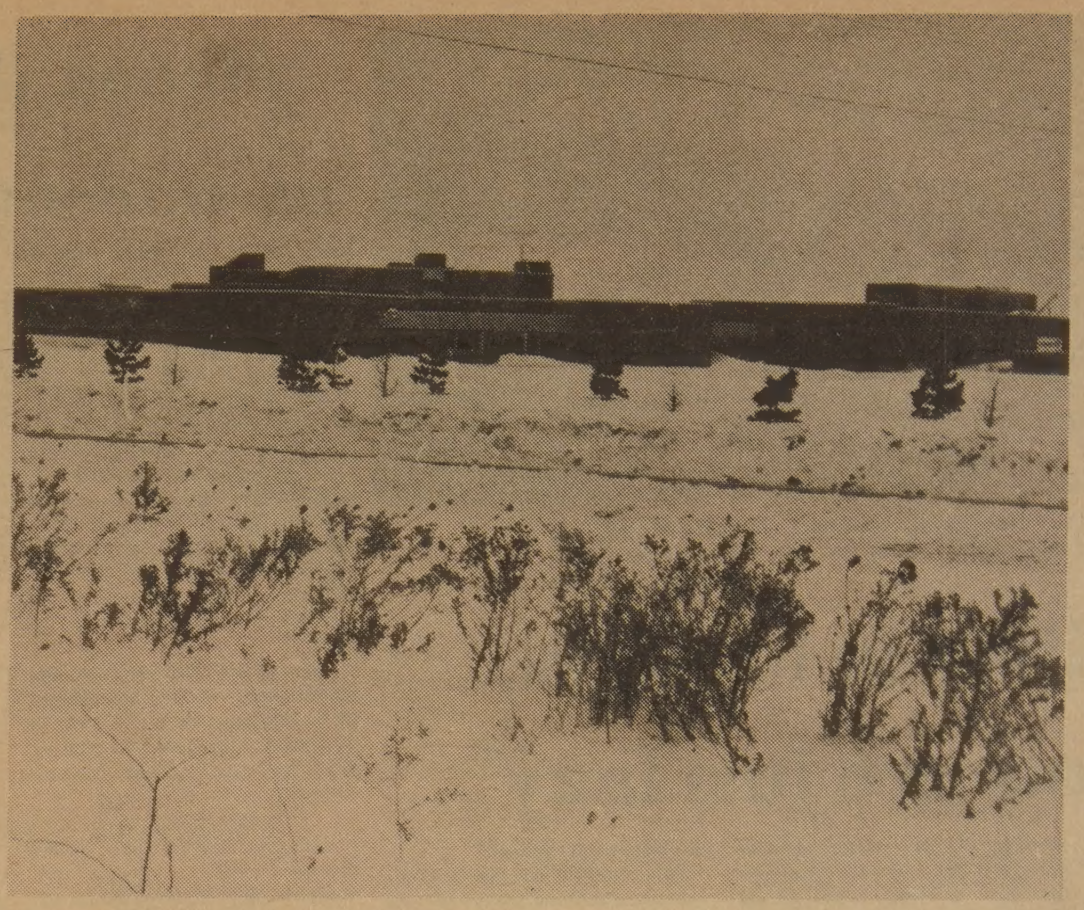
$30,000 to teach languages

Niagara College has been allocated $30,000 in grants for language programs.

The Secretary of State has alloted the province a certain amount of funds to increase the quality and availability of official minority and second-language non-credit courses.

A.S. Manera, college president, told the board of governors meeting Feb. 3 $10,000 of his $11,400 request for funds has been approved to get French language training equipment. The funds have not yet been received.

Additional requests, not yet approved, include a $3,000 grant from the ministry of labor to conduct conferences on labor management relations and to produce video tapes on labor management topics and a $4,000 Wintario grant to help with the production of "Three Penny Opera" which is being produced for the college's 10th aniversary.



The aftermath of a winter storm.

(Photo by Dolphin)

Episodes of 1976

By NELLE OOSTEROM

The sounds of hammers and drills greeted students in September of 1976 at Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology. The construction of the Lundy-Merritt building, the year's single great accomplishment, was underway.

That year, bilingualism came to Niagara, controversy erupted in several areas, including nursing, and the administration reluctantly set an enrolment freeze.

The Lundy-Merritt building was to house business and technology students and cost $3.5 million. Overcrowding necessitated the building.

Students and children in the Early Childhood Education Centre now have the option of speaking French. Several part-time courses in French were also introduced.

There were a few jobs for nurses. That announcement was followed by a provincial order to cut nursing enrolment by 15 per cent, resulting in 40 fewer students for Niagara.

"Completely useless" was how a Toronto health official described the two-year community college nursing graduates. Fred Habermehl, dean of health sciences fiercely attacked the statement. It was irresponsible and entirely unproven, he said. Two Niagara nursing graduates working in Toronto were assigned to critical care areas after only five weeks on the job, indicating their capability, he said.

Due to skyrocketing rent, hotel and restaurant management students were transferred from the Sheraton-Foxhead Hotel in Niagara Falls to the Rainbow Bridge Plaza, while tourism students were moved to the Welland campus.

Sixty picket-carrying hotel students staged a protest when their International Dinner was cancelled in April. Instructors were unwilling to forego classes for the event.

There were protests in other areas as well, but October 14 was not one of them. The scheduled nation-wide day of labor protest never got off the ground at Niagara. Faculty and students showed up for classes as usual.

The Canadian Labor Congress was irritated with a course offered dealing with wage and price controls. Why? Because it included the federal governments viewpoint. College president Anthony Manera told Congress representatives that the college was not a vehicle for any one point of view. All sides were presented so that students could make up their own minds, he said.

Tourism students made a splash when they publicized their efforts to save the 12-Mile Creek in St. Catharines. The creek is part of the proposed Highway 406 extension and the students want it preserved as a historic showcase.

The college administration was disappointed when a promised increase in operating grants to community colleges of 14.4 per cent only came to a 12.44 per cent increase for Niagara College. Operating costs took a significant jump due to higher staff salaries and inflation.

Financial setbacks forced the college to set an enrolment freeze of 1,510 first-year students. Overall enrolment increased by only four per cent.

14 summer jobs available in Falls

Fourteen jobs are available to Niagara College students to conduct a tourism survey in Niagara Falls this summer.

Dave Haggarty, tourism instructor and chairman of the research committee of the Niagara Resort and Tourist Association, said the ministry of industry and tourism will grant $26,400, and his association $10,000 to finance the project.

Several representatives from the ministry and the association met at a luncheon given by the school of business at Niagara College on Feb. 4 in the new Merritt building.

Every year, millions of dollars are spent on advertising in Niagara Falls, and a series of questions has been developed to determine how much of the advertising influence the thousands of tourists who visit the Falls each year.

"If we can't get enough students from Niagara, we will be using some from area high schools," Mr. Haggarty said. "Students from any course may apply by contacting the tourism and tourist attraction program in the Merritt building."

The study will be conducted between May 1 and Sept. 1 and will centre around the five main tourist attractions in the Falls.

NC faces LIP deficit

Niagara College faces a total deficit of more than $25,500 because of a disallowance of some Local Initiative Project (LIP) funds to finance the college's French Theatre project.

The executive committee report presented at the board of governors meeting Feb. 3 stated that of the total debt of $25,514.97, $21,700 has been written off in 1975-76 and the balance of $3,814.97 will have to be written off this year.

There was no indication that LIP regulations were being violated at any time during the project but "a difference of opinion in the interpretation of LIP payment regulations" at the end of the project caused the disallowance of some funds, the report said.

The original submission approved by LIP authorities called for a budget of $76,600. Manpower was to pay $69,600 and the remaining $7,000 was to be raised through box office sales. The theatre company was to comprise 16 people including eight actors. The program was to include two children's play, two adult plays and a number of high school level plays to be decided upon as the need arose.

David Davies, chairman of human development, submitted the application for the grant in 1975. He told the board that project records were available for inspe tion from the outset and weekly reports were submitted throughout the duration of the project.

"Constant comunication was maintained with the LIP officer and advice was sought on a number of occasions from Manpower representatives," Mr. Davies reported. "It was not until the end of the project when the new LIP officer was appointed that objections were raised relative to the operational proceedures employed by the college."

A.S. Manera, college president, said the actual budget for the project was not overspent. The college learned last year that there was going to be a shortfall in the projected box office receipts as well as the disallowance of some funds by LIP.

Mr. Manera said it appears likely that about $11,000 can be offset through grants from the province. All possible channels are being pursued to appeal the ruling of the department of manpower and immigration.

Heather Lee Kilty, who is resigning as a board member, suggested that an approach be made for a Wintario grant if appeals by the college are not successful.

Mr. Manera noted that althought the situation is 'regrettable", Niagara College did provide a valuable service to the community. He commended Mr. Davies for his contribution to the project.

Craft workshops this summer 'open college to community'

By DON LOUCKS

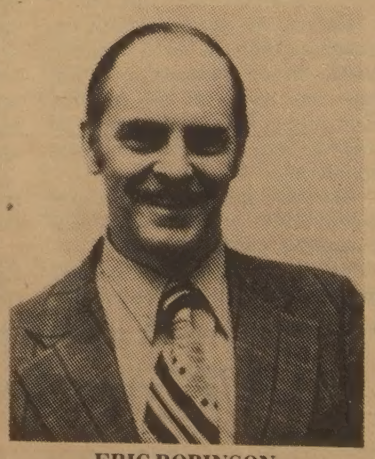
Niagara's community education division is in the advanced stages of planning a studio space rental and evaluation program in arts and crafts for the upcoming spring-summer term.

The intended program, offering special interest, non-credit workshop courses, will be directed at students who have already been "long introduced" to arts and crafts and who are not in need of a teacher.

Eric Robinson, chairman of community education, said studio space will be rented for the purpose of allowing these students to work on their own and develop their present talents.

Mr. Robinson said that, while the students would not actually be taught, there will be supervisors specialized in different forms of arts and crafts on hand in the studios to advise the students on their work. Also, he said, the students may receive evaluation of their talents by setting up an appointment with experts in the field.

Leading artists from the Niagara region and visiting experts will come into the studios to lecture on specialized areas such as design, color and technique.



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The studios will be located in St. Catharines and Welland, and will be available for use both days and evenings on weekdays, and Saturday mornings commencing this May.

MANY FACILITIES

The studios will provide facilities for work in pottery, fine art, soap-stone carving, loom weaving, decoupage and other forms of arts and crafts.

Fees will be $20 and students will be allowed a minimum of five hours studio time per week, Mr. Robinson said.

He said an enrolment of at least 125 students will be needed before the program can be implemented, but he added that he does not anticipate any problem in getting this number.

"We should have no trouble packing them in."

Most community education courses have been offered only at night, Mr. Robinson said. The offer of studio space as workshops is an attempt to expand into daytime programs, he said.

"We hope to implement this type of program more and more in the future," he said.

CROSS-SECTION TO BENEFIT

He said the rental of studio space, because of the flexible hours it will offer, will benefit a large cross-section of the community.

"This program should literally open up the college to the community," he said.

He cited shift workers, senior citizens, youth and church groups as examples of those who will be given a good opportunity to develop their present skills because of the program.

It is probable that some sort of day-care service will be set up during studio hours for students who have children to be looked after, Mr. Robinson said.